

First Annual Cowboys' General Round-up, October 3d, 4th and 5th--\$2500.00 in Cash Prizes

LEE ANDERSON CONFESSES MURDERING BROTHER-IN-LAW

Saturday morning the murderer of George Zant, who was shot to death while he slept in a bed in his home two miles southeast of Tucumcari, on Wednesday morning Aug. 30, confessed to shooting Zant at 4:30 a. m. The confession was brought about after a series of attempts by the following method:

When it was found that Zant had been murdered by a person, evidently well acquainted with the immediate surroundings, Sheriff Ward and Deputy Winter began to weave their net so closely that escape was improbable. Different clues were worked, but not until the arrival of H. Herron, deputy sheriff of Shackelford county, Texas, were they in a position to draw up the net.

After the killing, Lee Anderson, a brother of the murdered man's wife, was suspected and ever movement was watched. He became anxious to find work and in order to keep him near Sheriff Ward sent him to his ranch southeast of town and put him to work.

H. Herron arrived Thursday from Albany, Texas, having been sent here by Zant's brother. He strolled leisurely around town asking questions about first one thing, then another. He was sure he could lay his hand on the guilty party, but was mistaken. He then took up another trail and believed he was on the wrong one. After deciding there was nothing doing so far, there was only one more place to find the murderer. Mr. Ward then made arrangement for him to reach his ranch with his camping outfit and ask to be allowed to camp over night. Sheriff Ward was at the ranch when Herron drove up and asked to camp, which he permitted and made it a point that Anderson would accidentally meet Herron, whom he had known for several years. They recognized each other and Herron asked him how he came to be in this county? How long he had lived here and how he liked it? Anderson told him his sister lived near Tucumcari and she and her husband (Geo. Zant) liked it fine. Herron said he never mentioned his mission here but went to bed believing he was on the right trail.

The next morning he arose early and met Anderson again. Then he told Anderson that he was here at the request of Joe Zant, the dead man's brother, to find the murderer and he had found him. He then asked Anderson why he did not tell him that George Zant had been killed, but Anderson was surprised at the statement of his old-time friend and was unshaken in his determination to know nothing of the case. He told Herron he did not like to talk about the death of his brother-in-law. Then the deputy put forth his every effort to make the young man confess. He told him the officers knew he killed Zant, that his thumb print was on the clock which was at the head of the bed and moved to the shelf in the room. He also told him as further evidence that he (Anderson) was the only person who knew the exact location of the gun and the place where the shells were kept.

Mr. Herron worked hard and was about to give up the proposition when Anderson gave up and confessed all. He was brought to town and repeated his confession before a stenographer and notary public. It was copied and after he had read same he willingly signed it as his free act and deed. The confession was in substance, about as follows:

"The killing happened about four in the morning. I killed Zant. I went to his room and killed him on Wednesday morning at four o'clock, Aug. 30. After I killed him I threw the gun on the bed and went back and laid down on the cot again. It was a few minutes before Mrs. Zant called to me. She told me George had killed himself, then I went in and put out the fire on the comfort. The statements made by me heretofore are false, and this is true. The reason for me killing Zant was because I had had trouble with him about three years ago. When asked if he slept well during the night of the killing, he said, 'I slept pretty well, and had only been awake about thirty minutes before I went into the room. I thought I would kill him. I had a pretty good idea where the gun was and it was already loaded.'

He was asked "When Mrs. Zant called to you were awake, but let on that you were asleep and let her call two or three times before you answered?" He answered, "Yes sir."

What was the idea when you threw the gun down on the bed; did you

put it over there with the view of making people think he had committed suicide? To this he answered, "No, sir."

He said he just threw it after he got through with it.

He said he had never thought of killing him until he came out here a month ago. He just got to studying about it a day or so before. He did not plan to do it that night, but when he awakened that morning he thought how easy it would be to go in and kill him while he slept.

He said the little boy was away far enough to be safe and he could see pretty well. He thought he shot Zant in the face. He had the barrel of the gun closer than fifteen inches when he fired the shot.

The above confession is approximately as Lee Anderson told Mr. Ward and Mr. Herron. He signed the statement before a notary public in the presence of witnesses. No other parties were implicated by Anderson. He said his sister was asleep and he did not think she saw him at all. He also said that he did not intend to report suicidal intent on Zant's part, but when Mrs. Zant suspected suicide he thought that would be a good way to get out of trouble. He said to Mr. Herron that he just intended to kill Zant and take the consequences.

The trial will come up at this term of court, it is thought, as Walter L. Morris, one of the leading attorneys of Albany, Texas, arrived in Tucumcari Monday to handle the defendant's side. He will be assisted by local talent. The plea of insanity is perhaps the only hope of keeping Anderson from swinging from the gallows, because any man who is in his right mind would necessarily be a hard-hearted criminal to steal upon a man who was asleep and shoot him like a dog. If the young man is not of a sound mind and is guilty of this outrageous crime he should be put where public safety will not be impaired.

LOCAL MERCHANT OUT-BID MAIL ORDER HOUSE--SAVES 26c

A man from the Quay neighborhood came to town last week with an order made out to a Kansas City Mail Order house. He chanced to drop into R. B. Garrett's and showed Mr. Garrett the order. He was challenged to duplicate the order. Mr. Garrett accepted the challenge and the following prices were made, they being the regular prices made by Garrett any day in the week:

Mail Order	Garrett
.12 Socks	.10
1.00 Underwear	1.00
1.48 Pants	1.75
1.06 Overalls	2.10
1.60 Shirts	1.20
2.68 Shoes	2.90
.47 Postage	.00
9.31	9.05

Mr. Conner bought his goods from Mr. Garrett after looking every article over carefully, and was well pleased because he took the goods back to his home that day and did not have to wait and worry over whether his money order would be lost or whether the goods were what he wanted. This is another example of what a buyer can do if he takes a little time. Mr. Conner could have paid more than he did and then saved money on the transaction. As it was he saved 26c.

Moral--Trade at home.

SAVE YOUR OLD PAPERS

The missionary society of the Methodist church held a meeting this afternoon and made arrangements for a special day to collect old papers and magazines. The day will be Friday, Sept. 22, and they request that papers be tied in bundles and put on the front porch within easy access to wagons that will collect same on that day. This movement is made for two reasons, one to clean up the streets and alleys, and the other to make some money. They expect to collect a carload of old paper.

NEW MECHANIC AT UNION

J. L. Fernando has accepted the position as chief mechanic at the Union Garage. He took up the work there Wednesday of this week.



"SCRATCH 'IM COWBOY"

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MEXICANS HAVE WAR, ARE ARRESTED, FINED, MARRIED

Sheriff Ward was notified Friday night that three Mexicans were dead in a fight near the depot. He notified the night police and Akin was on the scene within a few minutes. Two Old Mexico Mexicans were having trouble over a woman one of them claimed was his wife. He said the other was trying to steal her away, in other words kidnap her and take her to Kansas with him. The woman said she was not the wife of any man and did not care to stay with him longer because he was too jealous. Herman Gerhardt was chosen as interpreter and although he can talk the language as good as the Mexicans themselves, the man and woman both talking at once held him spellbound and all he could do was listen. Those in attendance together with Judge McElroy, did not know exactly what was going on. Finally it was decided to give the new admirer of the woman and fine him for larceny of wearing apparel belonging to the other would-be hubby.

After settlement was made to the satisfaction of the court the man and woman went to the court house and secured a license, returning to McElroy's office where he joined them in the holy bonds of matrimony. They left for Kansas under the Judge's orders to get out of town as soon as possible, and it is supposed they will live happy ever afterwards.

BOYS DESTROY MELONS

It is seldom that you find I. E. McLaren of Quay out of sorts. He was in town Tuesday and reported a deal that would make any person out of sorts. Some boys who reside in his neighborhood, entered his watermelon patch Sunday night and destroyed fifteen or twenty nice melons. They did not know or did not care whether the melons were ripe or not, so they just cut or smashed them open.

Mr. McLaren is known to be liberal and has never refused to give away melons to visitors. He does not pick out the small ones or those he cannot sell, but gives you choice melons, of which he has plenty, but it makes him somewhat "spunky" to have some fellows get in his patch and deliberately destroy melons. The grand jury could put the pad-lock behind such thieves and if the second offence is committed he may be obliged to ask assistance.

If you want to steal watermelons, go to the man who would not give you even a pleasant look. Don't steal from your best friends.

ARRESTED FOR GRAZING HORSES ON STATE LAND

A case which attracted considerable attention was that Monday tried before Judge McElroy. The plaintiff was Mr. Davidson and the defendant was Bob Nolte. It seems that Mr. Nolte owns and controls considerable land in his immediate vicinity where he has a number of stock. One of his pastures contains plenty of water and the other had plenty of grass, so he built a lane from one pasture to the other along the section line so that his stock could go from one pasture to the other. Mr. Nolte testified that Davidson put a fence across the lane and told him to leave it there to save trouble. Nolte came to town and asked advice what to do. While he was in town his horses got on the state land and were grazing. They were seen by witnesses and this was the cause of the suit. After spending most of the day on the case the jury decided in favor of Nolte on account of a technicality.

Davidson was supposed to have a lease on a certain section of land but in looking over the papers his attorney found that a mistake in the number was made. The suit was brought on the fourth and the mistake was rectified on the sixth. The jury held that Mr. Davidson did not have any lease upon the school section the day suit was brought and therefore had no right to the use of the land.

Attorneys differ on this question, but most of them say that Nolte perhaps would have been up against it if Davidson's lease had been correct.

Attorney Saxon holds that Davidson had no right to bring suit unless he had his land properly fenced, the same as if the property was owned by private individuals, the law being no special respecter of persons or corporations.

WILL MAKE CEMENT POSTS

Tom Ritz, manager of the Keystone Ranch east of town, was in our city this week visiting his father. He says he is making preparation to make enough cement posts to fence his cattle ranch. He thinks he can make the posts so that same may be retailed at 25c each.

HUNT WINS IN ARIZONA

Incomplete returns Wednesday from the Arizona primary indicate the re-nomination of Gov. Hunt by a majority approximately 3000 over George A. Olney. The Democrats had a bitter fight over these two rivals.

PAYS \$3,426.45 TO FARMERS FOR FORTY-ONE LOADS OF WHEAT

SPECIAL WAR STAMP TAX IS NOW HISTORY

Contrary to general expectation, the repeal of the special war stamp tax on documents and toilet articles became effective Friday at midnight. It was thought that the tax would remain in force until the end of the government fiscal year, January 16, 1917.

The first word that the repealing act passed by congress Friday morning would become effective immediately, was received here late Friday afternoon by R. A. Ramey, collector of internal revenue at El Paso, in a telegram from A. S. Walker, collector at Austin.

The "war tax" was passed by congress on January 1, 1915, to offset the loss in revenue from the trade paralysis caused by the European war. It was expected that about \$100,000,000 would be raised by the new tax. The revenue formerly derived from the stamp tax will now be obtained from the inheritance tax, the munitions tax and miscellaneous excise taxes.

The special stamp tax on wines, cordials, and beer will still remain in force.--El Paso Herald.

DAMAGED \$24.75 WORTH

Jas. W. Strain sued W. A. Harrold for damages accruing from Harrold removing a well drill from the premises of Strain before contract for digging well was completed.

It seemed that Frank Shipman had charge of the drill, which belonged to Grover and Miles Brown, but they sold the machine to Harrold and he took it away before job was completed. The case was tried before a jury of six and after going through the regular routine of questioning and cross-questioning the jury decided in favor of the plaintiff and allowed him damages to the amount of \$24.75. Mr. Harrold, through his attorney, Ed. F. Saxon, has given notice of appeal from Judge McElroy's court.

GLOVIS AND TUCUMCARI SCHOOLS ARE ABOUT SAME SIZE

Two progressive towns in Eastern New Mexico are Clovis and Tucumcari. Both are railroad centers. Clovis on the Santa Fe, and Tucumcari being the division and terminal for the Rock Island and El Paso & Southwestern railroads. Clovis claims a population of 5000 people, while Tucumcari is more modest and claims but 4,000. The school census is a good index to the number of inhabitants, so the following list is given for comparison. It proves the fact that there is not much difference in the population:

Tucumcari	Clovis
141 First Grade	102
101 Second Grade	111
87 Third Grade	66
43 Fourth Grade	79
92 Fifth Grade	70
31 Sixth Grade	98
61 Seventh Grade	50
46 Eighth Grade	136
142 High School	782

Tucumcari this year has a graduating class of 15 members; ninth has 54; tenth 54; and eleventh 19. This number has been increased considerably this week and it would not surprise those in touch with the school to have nearly 200 in high school this year.

Those bringing wheat to town this week were: Roy Green, Henry Hendrix, John Davidson, J. A. Woodard, J. W. Kelsay, J. H. Gray, F. A. Bellah, M. Weeks 2, Jas. O. Jordan 2; J. G. Wattenbarger 2; H. C. Greer 3; Ernest Hall 2; S. A. Wells 2; P. A. Stefan; W. A. Runyan 2; C. K. Hill; H. Warren; J. W. Akin; J. D. Akin, A. L. Morrow, J. H. Johnson, W. C. Montgomery 2; W. G. Wittingham, H. L. Williams, J. W. Muddick, J. J. Muddick, John Hardin, E. R. Cox 3; R. F. Sparks and Wm. Rush. These farmers came from all parts of the plains and were well pleased with everything except those two bad places in the Ragland road.

NEW LODGE IN TUCUMCARI

Rev. G. F. C. Fons, who has been in Tucumcari for several weeks organizing The Homesteaders Lodge, is meeting with unlimited success. The order was organized last week with a membership of about thirty charter members. The meeting nights have been set for the 1st and 3rd Saturday of each month, and arrangements have been made to use the Masonic Hall.

This new order gives its members life insurance and accident benefits at a moderate rate. It is backed by years of experience and plenty of surplus capital; therefore we bespeak for it success.

Read it first in the News, \$1 a year.

There is plenty of room for an increase in the export of wheat from the Tucumcari market but Mr. Higday, the local buyer, is keeping busy loading wheat in cars for shipment. Friday a number of loads came in when the market was but \$1.42. Saturday morning found a number of teams in from the plains. Mr. Higday had promised to pay \$1.42 Saturday morning, but Saturday morning the eastern market had advanced and he advanced with the market, paying \$1.45 for wheat Saturday, Monday and Tuesday and Wednesday morning, but on account of the gradual decrease in the eastern market the price fell to \$1.42. Mr. Higday is paying the limit and the wheat growers are satisfied with the excellent treatment they receive at his hands. Thursday Mr. Higday was again paying \$1.45. He believes in paying top prices.

On Friday, Saturday, Monday and Tuesday the local buyer received 41 wagon loads, the largest containing 102 bushels and belonged to Jim Jordan who received a check for \$147.91. The forty-one loads contained 2470, or thereabouts. The amount paid to the farmers was \$3426.45. These figures are proving that Quay county is making great progress and those who said it couldn't be done, are now doing it. The wheat is testing high, most of the loads showing no trace of smut. Most of the wheat was treated last year and this year the farmers are taking the same precaution. The wagons are coming from all directions, but those from the east and west side of the wheat belt say that if Tucumcari will see that the road to Ragland is put in good shape they will not object to driving to the Ragland hill and coming in on that road. There seems to be but one or two places now that really needs fixing. One is the sandy stretch of road east of Quay which was supposed to have been fixed. The road was clayed but those who have been hauling over it say the clay was not spread out where the wheels of the wagon run; it was dumped in the center of the track and while the horses are able to get a solid footing, the wheels cut in worse than ever with the big loads. This could easily be fixed and Mr. Corn informs the News that Harry Whiteside will look after that matter at once. The other place is the bridge a short distance west of "Socialist" corner. This bridge is dangerous and may cost some farmer a load of wheat and team of horses or mules, and the county a big damask suit. It would be so much cheaper to repair it now.

A number of farmers are circulating a petition to move the bridge across the Plaza Largo creek on the Quay road, to the regular crossing one mile up the creek. This bridge is of no use where it is and it is thought by the residents out that way that the bridge will be worth more to the county if it be worn out instead of allowed to rot down. A new road could be laid out from the bridge to connect with the Tucumcari road further north and this would be much cheaper and better as well as permanent.

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MILLER--CROW

Monday, J. T. Crow, a prosperous stock-farmer of the West community, came to town dressed in his best clothes. Some of his friends suspected something but not until late that evening was it known that he and Mrs. Mary C. Miller of Montoya, were married. The ceremony was performed by Rev. A. L. Maddox of the Baptist church and the new married couple left for their future home at West.

Both of the contracting parties are highly respected residents of Quay county and nothing but happiness and success will be the result of this union and the News joins the many friends in extending congratulations.

Thomas Wheat Drills, 10 and 12 discs. None better. W. E. Mundell.